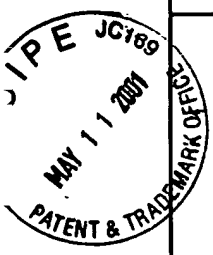


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional) 285-113 CON
In re Application of Todd M. Boyce et al.		
Application Number 09/745,643		Filed 12/22/2000
For KEYED INTERVERTEBRAL DOWEL		
Group Art Unit 3738		Examiner

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$ 110.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$ 390.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$ 890.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$ 1390.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$ 1890.00 |

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 55.00

☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 04-1121

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the ☐ applicant/inventor

☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

☒ attorney or agent of record.

☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) 36,183

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

May 8, 2001

Date

Signature

Russell R. Kassner

Typed or printed name

Reg. No. 36,183

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

☐ Total of _____ forms are submitted.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postpaid in an envelope, addressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on May 8, 2001.

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